

**Connecticut Pilot Commission
Summary Report May 19, 2015 Public Meeting
New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy
230 Ella Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT**

1.) The public meeting was called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Bill Gash. Pilot Commission members: Wynne Bohannon, Phil Gaughran, Dave Pohorylo and Chuck Beck were also present. Also attending were Joe Salvatore, Charlie Jonas, Dave Rossiter, Tom Dubno, LT Ayoub, and Adam Richardson.

2.) A motion was made to approve the summary report of the March 17, 2015 meeting with corrections by Chuck Beck and seconded by Wynne Bohannon. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.) Public Comments - None

4.) U.S. Coast Guard – LT Ayoub expressed CAPT Ed Cubanski's regrets for not being able to attend due to calendar conflicts. He then introduced himself as the Chief of Marine Inspections and asked if anybody had any questions. Charlie Jonas informed that the CG's move to change the Port Jefferson range lights from single omnidirectional to a non-white paired range lights was a good move and appreciated.

5.) Connecticut Department of Transportation – Dave Rossiter reported that the repair work to the CVRR pier was essentially completed with only paving remaining to be done. A survey of the water space between the CVRR and State Pier would be conducted in the very near future. Phil Gaughran questioned why the fenders were installed along the new CVRR bulkhead expressing concern about the water depth along the fender edge for tugs work a vessel along the inboard side of the State Pier. Chuck Beck responded that during the repairs, large rocks and obstructions were physically removed to find a line that would accept the sheet pile being driven to depth. He felt comfortable that moving the sheet pile line out and removing the obstructions now provides a more consistent water depth along the edge of maybe 20 feet. Beck reiterated Rossiter's comments about an upcoming survey to verify.

6.) Continuing Business:

A. PORTS – Chuck Beck reported that the MOA between NOAA and the DOT had been signed and delivered. The MOA has the DOT providing funds to NOAA for upgrading the PORTS system in New Haven and New London as well as 5 years of O&M funding for the New Haven sight. In response to a question he stated that the Bridgeport gauge was also being upgraded but using a different funding source. He further stated that the O&M cost for both Bridgeport and New London are funded from a different federal source.

B. Changes to CGS Sec 15-13 – The Chairman stated that HB 6821, the DOT funding Bill, contained the proposed change to CGS 15-13 for an extension of route. When asked which version of the change (that version submitted to the ConnDOT by the CPC that the DOT had forwarded to the Legislature or the version forwarded by Attorney Reynolds) the Chairman stated the latter; i.e. the version Attorney Reynolds submitted on behalf of the CT pilots and reported that the revisions submitted by the pilots. The Chairman indicated that the Reynold version would be brought forward for a vote on the floor of the House by the Transportation committee.

C. Draft Changes to CT State Agency Regulations – The Chairman stated that there was no reason to discuss changes to Agency Regulations on Pilotage until the CT Port Authority legislation was acted upon. no discussion

D. Connecticut Port Authority Working Group – Dave Pohorylo stated that the PAWG hadn't met for some time so there was nothing to report. In response to a question he indicated that the LCO 7268 version of HB 6816 had significant changes. Right now the port authority legislation is in the hands of the Legislature.

7.) New Business

A. Draft Investigative Process for Incidents/Accidents – Noting the absence of Alan Blume, the Chairman decided to defer discussion on the topic until next month. He also noted that Blume had indicated he might have to resign due to work obligations.

B. NTSB Letter – Asking to add an item to the agenda, Chuck Beck made everybody aware of NTSB correspondence related to Safety Recommendations M-11-19 through 21 which were issues to the state of CT on November 4, 2011. Beck handed out a copy of the correspondence to be passed around as well as a copy to Charlie Jonas. The NTSB Safety Recommendations were issued as a result of an NTSB investigation of a collision between two vessels on January 23, 2010 at the Port of Port Author TX. The Safety Recommendations concern local pilot oversight organizations monitoring through rules/regulations/policies the practices of their pilots to promote safety by implementing fatigue mitigation and prevention programs as well as bridge resource management training. Beck stated he was soliciting information/ input from the CPC and the pilot organization on what steps were currently in place and/or recommendations on what should be implemented if needed. The Chairman asked all present to consider the request so that the topic could be discussed at the June CPC meeting. Phil Gaughran stated that a solution to pilot fatigue would be to double the pilotage rates and hire more pilots. Dave Pohorylo stated that there has been more vessel traffic in the CT waters the last 6 months at any time during the past 10 years.

8.) Executive Session – None held.

9.) Adjournment – Just prior to taking a motion to adjourn, Chuck Beck announced that this would be his last CPC meeting as the CTDOT designee. When asked about future plans he stated none. He clarified that he was retiring from State Service. In response to a question about his successor, Beck stated that he had no idea but could very well be Dave Rossiter or Alan Stevens. Dave Pohorylo made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Wynne Bohannon and approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 1024

The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday June 16, 2015** at the **New Haven Fire Academy, 230 Ella Grasso Blvd. in New Haven, CT**